



# NOME PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER

Serving Nome, St. Lawrence Island, Little Diomedé,  
and 13 coastal communities



Nome Public Health Center is staffed with Public Health Nurses (PHNs I-III) and their support staff, and provides high quality Public Health Nursing Services to 15 communities in the Bering Strait Region, covering 44,000 squares miles in Southwest Alaska. Services are provided in village clinics, homes, schools, IRA buildings, shelters, and senior centers.



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## In FY 15, Nome Public Health Center provided:

- 2681 individual visits
- 629 immunizations
- 986 visits for children, many of whom had no other access to care
- 259 visits related to sexually transmitted diseases
- 341 individual visits to address tuberculosis, 693 tuberculosis screenings, and conducted 2 community tuberculosis sweeps

## Community level work:

- Participated in 48 community events to promote health and prevent disease.
- Responded to 469 referrals from community providers.
- We respond to frequent requests for assistance from community agencies on infectious diseases and access to health care questions.

We work in partnership with the community to improve health for all.

## Specific examples include:

- ◆ Regional Wellness Forum
- ◆ Community Alcohol Safety Team
- ◆ “I Did It by Two” Immunization Campaign
- ◆ Provide continuing education at Health Aide Training
- ◆ Local Emergency Planning Committee
- ◆ Adolescent Reproductive Health Coalition
- ◆ Alaska Health Fair, Inc.

## We respond to community needs:

- Provide targeted tuberculosis sweeps bi-annually to reduce transmission and infection
- Provide preventative clinical services as needed in places that have barriers to accessing care including Little Diomedé and St. Lawrence Island
- Support local health providers such as, health aides and primary care providers to improve health and wellness in the community

AS THE LEAD AGENCY IN RESPONDING TO OUTBREAKS, WE ARE TASKED WITH COORDINATING THE RESPONSE AND DISPENSING UP TO 4,600 DOSES OF MEDICATION WITHIN 48 HOURS.

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